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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics  
Director of Communications

SUBJECT: Elimination of Duplication of Supply Functions and  
Possible Reduction in Numbers of Personnel En-  
gaged in OC/OL Supply Activities

1. At the request of the Director of Communications and the Director of Logistics, respectively, the undersigned officers undertook, recently, a review of Office of Logistics' and Office of Communications' supply activities in an effort to determine whether or not duplication of functions could, or should, be eliminated and a reduction in the numbers of personnel engaged in supply activities be effected.

2. At the outset, as a result of discussions relating to the OC responsibilities and general support activities at both Headquarters and overseas installations, it was determined that: (a) OC supply activities in the overseas areas would not be a subject of discussion; (b) the OC-E/MSB liaison, library, test and inspection functions were properly an OC responsibility, and the field support functions of the OC-E/MSB, being directly related to OC support activities in the overseas areas, must necessarily be retained in the Office of Communications while OC continues its present overseas support activities.

3. In view of the above, the only pertinent area for consideration with relation to the subject problem was deemed to be the Stock Management and Requirements Section of the Material Support Branch, OC-E. A detailed review and analysis of this activity was conducted, and it was determined that:

a. In limited areas there appears to be some duplication in records and files between the OL and OC. However, this duplication does not exceed that considered necessary for the proper functioning of the two offices concerned.

b. The Supply Division, OL is presently performing functions which meet certain OC requirements. However, in order to meet additional OC requirements presently under the support cognizance of OC-E/MSB it would be necessary for OL to make certain realignments within its Supply Division.

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c. Internal to the Office of Logistics processing and coordination of Office of Communications requirements could be facilitated with the addition of personnel with appropriate technical capabilities in the communications field.

d. The Stock Management and Requirements Section, OC-E/MSB has, in general, a mission and performs functions analogous to those of the Logistic components of the "foreign area" divisions. However, this section of MSB is also required, because of responsibility imposed by OC's technical cognizance of communications materiel, to assume additional responsibilities and perform technical supply functions not normal to the DD/P area division logistic components.

4. In light of the above, it is recommended that:

a. The Materiel Support Branch, which performs for the Office of Communications an essential technical (communications) logistic function, continue operations in accordance with its present Statement of Mission and Functions.

b. There be no consolidation of OC/OL personnel or functions.

c. With specific reference to the Stock Management and Requirements Section of OC-E/MSB and Supply Division, OL, a program be devised to provide, by detail on a tour basis, for the exchange of personnel of the offices of Communications and Logistics, respectively, to provide an inter-office type indoctrination which, it is believed, would be beneficial to both offices. It should be pointed out that this program would in no way affect a change in ceiling of the offices concerned, nor would it change the career cognizance of the personnel assigned between offices in this "exchange program." In this regard, it is further recommended that, approximately one year after such a program might be established; it be evaluated jointly by the Office of Communications and the Office of Logistics to determine the advisability and desirability of its continued use or the redesignation of stock management type positions between the Supply Division, OL and the Materiel Support Branch, OC-E.

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